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Rep Ryan: Norwalk High School Program To Receive State Grant



State Representative John J. Ryan, R-Darien, announced the state will provide a \$13,000 grant to the Brien McMahon High School's drama club program. Rep. Ryan secured the funding through an arts grant program facilitated by the state Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The high school serves students who live in

Norwalk's Rowayton section, which is part of the 141st Assembly District.

The funds will be used to cover costs of expanding the drama club program, including script fees, sets, costumes, lighting and sound equipment. The club, All Down Drama, is a student-centered theater group, providing theatrical experience for students interested in exploring the dramatic arts. Students are allowed to develop their talents and through performances, enhance the community's appreciation for live theater. In April 2005, the club's Spring Play was "The Girl in the Mirror." The club also has a continued partnership with the Westport Country Playhouse.

"I am very pleased that we are able to recognize and assist, through this grant from the State Office of Policy and Management, this very worthy program," said Rep. Ryan. "The Drama Club at McMahon High School had achieved well-deserved and wide recognition for the excellence of its productions. There are few activities better than the study of and participation in dramatic literature to give students insight into the timeless issues and problems of the human condition. As the Bard of Stratford-on-Avon said so long ago "All the world's a stage," and we are delighted that we can assist students in this manner."